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Tank and Armament Repair Factory in Kanggye-gun

- 25X1 1. to take the place of the P'yongyang tank repair factory which
 25X1 was vulnerable to air attack, the Ministry of Heavy Industry began construction of a tank and arms repair factory at Ch'oksan-ni,¹ Kanggye-gun (N 40-58, E 126-36), Chagang Province. The new factory was to be completed in a year and a half. It was in a mountainous area one kilometer long and nearly one kilometer wide.
2. Under the pretense of recruiting for a technical school, local ri People's Committees procured about 3,700 laborers from the provinces of North and South P'yongan and Hwanghae. The laborers were quartered in barracks. Average monthly pay was 1,500 won, computed on a daily basis. The laborers were charged an undetermined amount for the rice, corn, and sorghum provided.
- 25X1 3. the laborers were leveling the ground, obtaining gravel, and cutting timber for constructing the factory. Equipment consisted of North Korean picks, shovels, axes, and saws. Ore-type freight cars were pushed by the laborers.

Small Arms Factory in Ch'osan-gun

- 25X1 4. under the Ministry of Heavy Industry construction of a hand grenade and PPSH factory was begun in Keryong-ni,¹ Ch'osan-gun (N 40-51, E 125-48), North P'yongan Province. Prior to the Korean war the factory was in P'yongyang, then was moved to Kangdong (N 39-09, E 126-05) (BU-4837). The new factory in Ch'osan-gun was to be completed in a year and a half. The 5,700 paid laborers from the provinces of South P'yongan, Hwanghae, and Chagang were falsely recruited through ri People's Committees to attend a technical school.

25X1 Comment. This place is not listed in the Army Map Service (AMS)
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